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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
David F. Bliss et al  
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For: FORMING IMPROVED METAL NITRIDES

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

The following is in response to a Requirement For Restriction under 35 USC 121 dated 21 February 2003. That Action restricts the claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 – 14, drawn to a method, classified in class 117, subclass 84.

Group II: Claims 15 – 19, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 715.

However, the above claims are believed not distinct inventions but so closely related as to justify examination of all such claims as a single invention. Thus it is